

National Bible Week Nov. 22-29

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## Opponents Of Voucher Plan To Ask For A Hearing

WASHINGTON (BP)—An informal coalition of more than a score of national organizations has called for congressional hearings on a proposed educational voucher experiment by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

"We believe that an educational voucher plan of the type presently under consideration by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) could have broad social, educational and political implications and could adversely affect the American public education system," a coalition statement said.

"We therefore call for congressional hearings to evaluate the voucher proposal before any such experiment is implemented," the coalition concluded.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, one of the coalition observers, in its October semi-annual meeting opposed the proposed education voucher experiment.

The committee expressed the hope that, if such an experiment is conducted, it would be done within the framework of the public schools as traditionally known in the U.S.A.

An educational voucher has been described as a slip of paper which a parent could use to enter his child in

the school of his choice—public, private or parochial. The school in turn would cash the voucher. Payments would be made to the school, not to the parent or the pupil.

Both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Executive Committee of the SBC have passed resolutions supporting the public schools and opposing aids to parochial schools from public funds.

The OEO has under consideration a plan to experiment with educational vouchers to see what effect they would have on the educational system of the nation. So far the experiment has not been fully formalized and funds have not yet been appropriated for this purpose by Congress.

The strategy of the coalition opposed to the voucher experiment is to have a full airing of opinions on the proposal at the public hearings and then to block the experiment as currently conceived by cutting off funds which would enable the experiment to take place.

If a voucher experiment could be devised within the framework of the traditional public school system, it is possible that the coalition would alter its position of opposition, observers here said.

## Arkansas Justice Says Education Tool For Peace

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP) — A chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, in the inauguration ceremonies for the new president of Ouachita Baptist University here, said that education is the key to peace, prosperity and love for others.

"If we are to obtain peace, defeat poverty, cut out slum areas and fill human minds with tolerance rather than hate and animosity, we must use the weapon of education," said Chief Justice Carlton Harris.

He quickly added that denominational colleges are the only institutions in higher education today that are emphasizing the importance of being spiritual.

In a special word to students at the Baptist school, Justice Harris said that the faults and ills in society must be corrected within the framework of the Constitution, because "justice, liberty and equality of opportunity can never be achieved except within the framework of the law."

"Violence begets violence and only succeeds in driving a deeper wedge between people," the Supreme Court judge said. "You cannot build your own dreams by tearing down the dreams of another. One cannot teach love by practicing hate," he declared.

He made the statements in a major address during the inauguration of Daniel Grant as the 12th president of

Ouachita Baptist University. Grant, in his inaugural address, called for educational excellence, Christian excellence and for "creative concern for making classrooms relevant to the current problems of society."

On the matter of academic freedom, Grant said that ultimately Ouachita's faculty and students will have no more academic freedom than Arkansas Baptists understand and practice. He pledged to do "all that is within my power in coming months and years to lead our many publics, both on and off the campus, to a healthy support of both the rights and responsibilities of academic freedom."

Grant said that all of the institution's resources would be dedicated to helping the students to relate the results of their study and inquiry to the Christian faith. "This means on occasion hearing a speaker with whom we disagree, or reading a book or article diametrically opposed to our beliefs."

"The Christian college," he continued, "does not exclude Adolf Hitler or Karl Marx from the library simply because we disagree with them."

Referring to new approaches in intercollegiate cooperation, Grant said for Ouachita to cooperate with nearby Henderson State College, a state institution, by expanding the present policy of student interchange.

## Read Scriptures To 'Fortify Resolves,' President Says

WASHINGTON — President Richard M. Nixon has urged "every American" to join him during National Bible Week in seeking to "refresh our spirits and fortify our resources by reading the Holy Scriptures."

"In this decade," said the President in his annual message in recognition of the observance, "we are more than ever called upon to turn our hands and hearts to assisting those in our country for whom our general prosperity is still a distant dream."

The President is honorary chairman of Bible Week, Nov. 22-29. Its theme this year is "Life for Modern Man."

"I join the American Bible Society, the Catholic Biblical Association, and the Laymen's National Bible Committee," he added, "in urging every American to participate in the uplifting tradition of this 30th annual National Bible Week."

The three organizations are co-sponsors of the observance, an interfaith effort to emphasize the need for all Americans to read and study the Bible. The week also launches the American Bible Society's annual Worldwide Bible Reading program, from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

J. Peter Grace, president of W. R. Grace & Co., is national chairman of the 30th annual National Bible Week. He is a Roman Catholic layman.

Honorary co-chairmen of National Bible Week include: Mrs. P. Earle Brown, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Robert

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## Men's Conference Set For Nov. 9

The annual Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference will be held at Jackson's First Baptist Church Monday afternoon and evening, Nov. 9, one day prior to the opening of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Nov. 10.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and a native Mississippian, will be the principal speaker at the inspirational evening session, to begin in the church auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. Guy Henderson, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea, a native Mississippian, will also speak.

A men's quartet from Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg will bring special music.

Congregational music will be under the direction of Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Aubrey Boone, Winona layman, will bring the devotional. At 5:45 p.m. the annual banquet will be held at Fellowship Hall in Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

Lee Franklin, of Millbrook, Ala.,

### News Analysis

## Maneuvers Mix Religion, Politics

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a political maneuver that may give some Senators voter appeal to their constituents, the U. S. Senate finally approved (50 to 20) a constitutional prayer amendment which none of them can reasonably expect to pass the full Congress.

Sen. Howard H. Baker (R., Tenn.), son-in-law of the late Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen, attached the so-

called "Dirksen Amendment" to the Women's Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. This was done two days before recess for the election campaign. The vote was taken one day before the recess with almost no debate.

Prior to that the Senate approved another amendment to the women's equal rights proposal which would guarantee that nothing in the women's rights measure would require drafting of women into the armed

forces if Congress does not choose to draft them.

Both actions of the Senate virtually killed the women's equal rights amendment, according to many Washington observers. Here is the way it works.

The House of Representatives passed by a two-thirds vote a proposed constitutional amendment that says: "Equality of rights under the

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## U.S. Supreme Court Swamped By Cases Involving Religion

The 1970-71 term of the U.S. Supreme Court, which opened Oct. 5, has before it cases of religious significance as important, or even more important than decisions reached by the Court during its 1969-70 term, which included the much-discussed ruling reaffirming tax exemption for churches.

No fewer than 23 cases concerned with conscientious objections to military service on religious and non-religious grounds, await a final disposition by the highest Court in the land.

But a case of comparable—or greater—importance to parents and taxpayers in most parts of the country is one appealed from Pennsylvania in which the Court will have to decide whether states can or cannot constitutionally provide financial assistance to their hard-pressed parochial schools.

It is one case in which obliquely or indirectly, President Nixon has expressed interest by suggesting some months ago that a strong, viable parochial school system—Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish—is needed, not to aid any one or more religious faiths, but to "promote diversity in education."

Some observers here feel the decision Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and the eight Associate Justices make in this case could decide the future of the Catholic parochial school system—by far the largest non-public elementary and secondary school organization in the country—and of the Lutheran, Seventh-day Adventist, Reformed, Jewish and other non-public schools.

## Louisiana May Release Hospital

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — The Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention voted to recommend that Baptist Hospital here be released to its trustees. If approved by messengers at the convention's annual meeting in Shreveport in November, it will be the second hospital to be severed from convention ties. Last year the convention released

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Knowledgeable sources say it is likely the high Court will affirm the lower court ruling approving state aid.

The court also faces 23 cases involving "obscenity" in various forms, including two lower court decisions inhibiting the showing of the controversial film, "I Am Curious (Yellow)," which contains numerous highly graphic scenes of sexual encounters.

Other cases, among the more than 800 filed on the appellant docket by the time the Fall term opened, were concerned with:

—Federal financial aid to church-related colleges for construction of academic facilities.

—Counties' constitutional obligation

to provide transportation to parochial school students.

—Payment of State funds to non-public teachers of secular subjects.

—Abortion.

—The Court's jurisdiction to determine ownership of church property.

—Judicial review of decision of ecclesiastical authorities in a church property control case.

—The scope of exemption granted to religious organizations in a state property condemnation action.

—Income tax exclusions for rental allowance to an unordained church employee.

—Refusal on religious grounds to work on Saturdays.

## Louisiana Graham Crusade Held In Stadium Oct. 21-25

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Louisiana State University football stadium was the setting for the Billy Graham Louisiana Crusade.

The huge oval became a sanctuary for the period Oct. 21-25.

Services began on Wednesday night at 7:30 and continued each night with the exception of Sunday afternoon service at 3:00 p.m.

This crusade was video-taped for playback during the first week in December. All areas of the United States and many foreign countries will be able to see what God has done in Baton Rouge.

Many special guests were welcomed to the platform this week. Governor John J. McKeithen introduced Mr. Graham on Wednesday night and welcomed him to the state of Louisiana.

Woody Dumas, mayor of Baton Rouge, presented Mr. Graham with a key to the city.

Miss America 1971, Phyllis George, gave her testimony and greetings on the first Youth Night.

The first runner-up to Miss America, Miss Claudia Carmen Turner from Spartanburg, South Carolina, was on the platform the next night sharing her witness for Christ.

Not as attractive but just as enthusiastically received was Tom Lester, better known as Ebb on the tele-

vision program "The Young and the Rubidious."

He gave witness of accepting Christ at an early age and a deepening dependence and commitment throughout his personal and professional life.

Andy Hamilton, outstanding split-end on the LSU football team, climaxed the personal witness of platform guests at Sunday afternoon service.

Music always plays an important part in crusades. Ethel Waters was warmly welcomed as she sang many favorites. Norman Zimmer, the first lady of song on the Lawrence Welk television program, sang at the final three services.

George Beverly Shea participated each night, sometimes assisted by the four thousand voice choir directed by Cliff Barrows. Tedd Smith an dJohn

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## Home Board Names Eight Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Four couples, including one couple assigned to work in the nation's largest city, were appointed as missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here recently.

Named to serve in New York City were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Merritt, who will begin a program of weekday ministries for a large apartment complex in Lefrak City, a suburb of Manhattan.

Other new missionaries appointed by the board were Mr. and Mrs. James Kinney, appointed to Enid, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ottwell, to Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilcoxson, to Chico, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, appointed to New York City, are natives of Texas, and both are recent graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth where they each earned the master of divinity degree. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and she is a graduate of University of New Mexico. The former Phyllis Gregory, Mrs. Merritt was on the editorial staff of the Baptist New Mexican, state Baptist paper, for one summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney will continue to serve in Enid, Okla., where he is now pastor of First Indian Baptist Church, Enid, an area heavily populated by Cherokee Indians.

Ottwell is now missionary to the deaf in Florida, with offices in Jacksonville, and will travel throughout the state. A native of Mobile, Ala., he is a graduate of Truett McConnell College, Cleveland, Ga.; Oglethorpe College, Atlanta; and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.



Lee Franklin



Dr. Duke K. McCall



## Maneuvers Mix Religion And Politics

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law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." The proposal then went to the Senate for hearings, debate and vote.

It is important to remember that the women's equal rights amendment is opposed both by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and by Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D., N. C.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. The amendment was bottled up in the House Judiciary committee by its chairman until it was forced to the floor of the House of Representatives by the rarely used discharge petition. This procedure almost always incurs the hostility of the committee chairman involved.

The procedure in the Senate was different. After reaching the Senate floor the women's equal rights amendment was attacked by attaching other amendments to it. This forces the revised amendment to a conference committee composed of representatives of both houses of Congress, to iron out differences between versions of similar bills before sending back an identical bill to be voted upon by both houses.

It is inevitable that strong opponents both to the women's equal rights amendment and to the prayer amendment will be appointed to serve on the conference committee. This committee in turn will either keep the entire proposal bottled up until Congress adjourns for the session or until a compromise is reached that is acceptable to all parties.

In the event that the proposal is kept in committee until adjournment, then the entire legislative process must be started over again with the new Congress in 1971. In the event a compromise is reached, it is likely that all extraneous amendments will be shucked off and the original simplified version would prevail, but this is an unlikely event.

In either case the Dirksen Prayer Amendment would most likely be the first victim of the delay or side-tracking procedure and would not see the light of day again in this session of Congress. At the same time the politicians can appear before the voters and tell how they supported the Prayer Amendment to the Constitution. Politicians always do their best to appear to be on the side of God, of righteousness and of religion so as not to offend the good people who send them back to Congress.

**Emotions Appealed To**  
Little does Mr. Average Voter realize that his emotions are being appealed to, rather than his good judgment. Little does he realize that religion is being used as a political tool for political purposes in such maneuvers.

In the process, truth goes out the window and the voter hears what the politician thinks he wants to hear. For instance, Sen. Baker in a press release after the Dirksen Amendment was approved said: "A majority of the Supreme Court held in 1961 that voluntary nondenominational prayer in public schools was a violation of the ban against 'the establishment of religion' contained in the First Amendment to the Constitution."

The direct opposite to this is pointed out by Sen. Ervin in his speech to the Senate opposing the Dirksen Amendment Ervin said: "I think the present amendment is wholly unnecessary, because there is nothing in the school prayer cases which holds that the First Amendment outlaws voluntary prayers in the schools; and therefore we are attempting to circumvent a decision of the Supreme Court which has never been rendered."

Ervin further says: "There is no Supreme Court case, and I venture to guess, no case in any American court, which bans prayer in public buildings."

The Dirksen Amendment that was approved by the Senate would provide: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D., Tex.) opposed the Dirksen Amendment and said that it "poses a major threat to religious freedom in America."

## Tutwiler Sets Dedication Day

November 1 will be dedication day at the First Church of Tutwiler for the new educational building. Letters of invitation have been sent to former friends, pastors, and members. "Dinner on the ground" will immediately follow the morning worship hour. Open house will be from 2:00-4:00 p. m. Rev. Roy Collum, head of the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Department, will speak.



## Cherry Creek To Build First Pastor's Home

Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc County, held a formal groundbreaking ceremony recently for a new parsonage. Top photo shows the Building Committee, 1 to r: Leland Huffstatter, chm., Jimmy Russell, Harold Reeder, Mrs. Hilda Tedford, and Mrs. Clarence Clark. Bottom photo shows several members of the church, with their children, present for the groundbreaking.

Until recently, the church had always been half-time, and this is the first pastor's home Cherry Creek has owned. Rev. Ray Bryant, pastor, was food services manager at Baptist Hospital, Jackson, when called to preach. After his call, he attended Blue Mountain College. His father is Rev. W. C. Bryant, who for 45 years has served parsonages in the adjoining Locust Hill community.

Cherry Creek has an illustrious history. It was the home church of the parents of the well-known Leavell brothers. Also it was the home church of Dr. J. B. Gambrell, first editor of the Baptist Record, of Dr. John Carter of the Clarke College faculty; of Miss Pearl Caldwell, late missionary to China; and of Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. From time to time, faculty members and leaders of Blue Mountain College have served interim pastorates there, including Dr. James Travis, and the late Dr. Wilfred Tyler.

The first associational Sunday school meeting ever held took place at Cherry Creek.

## Birmingham Church Accepts Resignations Of 11 Staffers

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — After members of the First Baptist Church here voted to accept the resignations of the pastor and youth director who had declared they would not serve a "racist church," nine other church staff members resigned in support of the pastor.

The resignations of Herbert Gilmore as pastor and Miss Betty Bock as youth director were accepted in a regular quarterly church business meeting.

Both had publicly announced their resignations, effective Nov. 1 on Sept. 27 when the church denied membership to two Negro applicants, Mrs. Winifred Bryant and her 11-year-old daughter, Twila.

The church, however, took no action on their resignations that Sunday, after attorney Ollie Blum, who had previously supported a move to fire the two, had objected, saying the resignations were ill-timed.

Deacons in the church recommended that the two resignations be accepted but proposed that the effective date for the pastor's resignation be changed from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31.

Robert Sanders, chairman of the deacons, said some of the deacons felt the church would be liable for another month's salary if Gilmore were to preach on Sunday, Nov. 1. Miss Bock immediately asked that her resignation be changed to the same date, Oct. 31.

The church debated whether to change the effective dates of resignation for about 15 minutes, but Gilmore asked that the debate be ended and the motion be approved.

The pastor said he felt there were three main reasons for changing the date: (1) to prevent another month's salary, (2) the racists in the church didn't want to hear another of his sermons, and (3) they wanted the record to imply he was fired.

After the church voted to accept

the two resignations, one by one nine other staff members of the church submitted their resignations. All were accepted.

Resigning were the associate pastor, minister of education, associate pastor - minister of music, education secretary, youth secretary, music secretary, pianist, organist, and associate organist.

In offering his resignation, associate pastor - minister of music John Sims said that the church's dilemma "is not simply a matter of differing man-made opinions as to program and function, but the profound matter of understanding of, and commitment to Christ, his church and his gospel."

"The principle and practice of the democratic procedure," Sims continues, "has placed the leadership of this church in the hands of those who hold radically different views than my own as to the nature and purpose of Christ's church. I cannot in good conscience continue to serve."

Minister of Education Carlisle Driggers said he could not continue on the staff "due to the closed membership policy the church recently adopted."

Mack Goss, associate pastor, told the church he had joined the staff greatly impressed with the leadership of the pastor, and the church's commitment to stay downtown and minister to the racially and economically changing neighborhood. Goss said he never dreamed the church would make some of the decisions it had made.

The controversy attracted national headlines beginning last July when Mrs. Bryant and Twila, involved in the church through a neighborhood tutoring project, sought membership in the all-white congregation. Their application was contested, and a final vote, requiring a two-thirds margin to pass, was delayed for two months.



## Central, Golden, Dedicates New Building

Central Church, Golden, recently dedicated a new building. On program were Rev. Clarence Palmer who delivered the dedication message, Rev. W. C. Gann; Rev. Edgar Franks; Rev. Fred Willingham; Rev. Bennett; Bobby Massey; and Rev. Coye Marbutt, pastor. The Building Committee, shown above, includes 1 to r: Tulon Franks, chm., Carlos Ginn, Claude McAnally, Kelley Hester, and J. C. Keeton. Seated left is Rev. W. C. Gann, superintendent of missions. Standing behind the Building Committee is Mr. Marbutt, the pastor. The building seats 300 in the auditorium and accommodates around 250 in the educational facilities. Many members and friends were present for the dedication service.

## Baptists Blast Military 'Use' Of God And Religion

WASHINGTON (BP)—Religious liberty demands that government not use religion for its own ends, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs declared to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Baptist of Columbia.

The government is guilty of such misuse of religion by requiring attendance at religious service in the nation's military academies, the Baptist agency said in a "friend of the court" brief filed in the case of Anderson V. Laird.

In this case, two cadets of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and nine midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis brought suit against the Secretaries of Defense, Army, Navy and Air Force in behalf of all cadets and midshipmen.

They charged that the compulsory chapel attendance regulation at the academies violates their religious liberty and is prohibited by the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The cadets and midshipmen lost the first round of their fight against compulsory religion in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Judge Howard F. Corcoran ruled that the compulsory chapel attendance rule does not violate the Constitution.

He also declared that such a rule served the secular purpose of the military in the training of future officers.

The case has been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals where it will probably be argued early in 1971. It is possible that the case will continue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Baptist Joint Committee has an interest in the case because it believes that the principle of religious liberty and voluntarism in religion is jeopardized by the decision of the lower court, according to the committee's brief.

The Baptist brief was presented to the U.S. Court of Appeals by Attorney Joseph B. Friedman, who worked in consultation with John W. Baker, associate executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Four arguments were developed in the brief. They are:

1. Required attendance by cadets and midshipmen at religious services establishes official religions. The brief also pointed out that exemption from attendance of those who object does not alter this violation of the "no establishment" clause of the First Amendment.

2. The "free exercise" of religion is denied the cadets and midshipmen by compelling them to attend religious services.

3. Mandatory chapel attendance for the future military officers constitutes a religious test for holding an office or public trust under the United States in violation of Article VI of the Constitution.

4. The principle of religious liberty which has permeated American constitutional development demands that government not use religion for ends appropriate to itself.

In support of the first two arguments the Baptist brief quoted from earlier Supreme Court decisions which upheld the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In the church tax case (Walz v. Tax Commission) the Supreme Court said: "The general principle deductible from the First Amendment and all that has been said by this court is this: 'that we will not tolerate either governmentally established religion or governmental interference with religion.'"

Earlier in Everson v. Board of Education the court said: "Neither a state nor the federal government can

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Innes were at the piano and organ respectively.

Total attendance for the five-day crusade was 196,000. When Mr. Graham gave the invitation, over 9,700 responded with their decisions.

Now the important work of follow-up begins. Bible discussion groups will be held in various places throughout the area. The prayer groups that formed to support the crusade will continue in many homes.

## Men's Conference - - -

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Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Tickets to the banquet are \$1.50 each and can be secured through the Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

The afternoon session will begin at 3:00 in the chapel of the First church.

To be featured on program will be Tommy Baddley of Jackson and Woody Burt of Newton, as well as Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department.

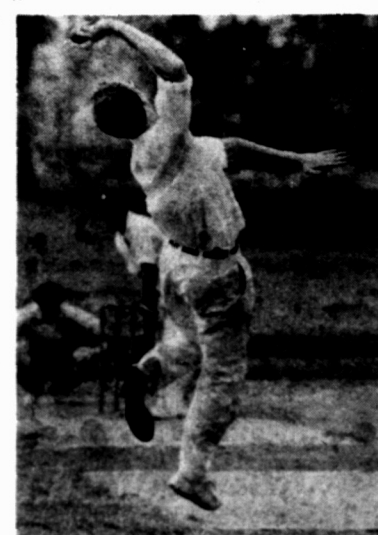
The men's conference is related to the convention through the Brotherhood Department.

Men's conference officers are: Joe Pigott, McComb, president; R. F. Robinson, Fulton, vice-president; and Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive, secretary.

## Theolog From 'Down Under'



AFTER CHURCH IN AMERICA — Australian's Doug Rowston and his wife, the former Suzanne Harding, posed recently outside a Louisville, Ky. church. The Rowstons will complete their work at Southern Seminary in May 1971 and will return shortly thereafter to their homeland to minister.



PLAY BALL — Southern Seminary Doctor of Theology student Doug Rowston prepares to throw the ball in a recent Cricket match. In the game, which is a big sport in Doug's native Australia, he plays "first-wicket down" and bowls "at medium pace."

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its hospital in Baton Rouge.

The hospital's board of trustees had requested that the hospital be allowed to participate in a new federal loan program in which the government would pay 3 per cent of the interest rate on funds borrowed from a private leading agency for hospital improvement and expansion. If this was denied, the trustees asked for release from the convention.

The Executive Board voted not to permit the hospital to participate in the government program and then recommended releasing the institution to its board of trustees.

Commenting on the recommendation, Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the convention said, "The actions of both the hospital trustees and the executive board involved a painful effort to solve the building crisis with which the trustees have grappled for a number of years. The recommendation for release will be made to help insure meeting the medical needs of the community in the best way possible. The release will enable the hospital to secure financial resources through all available channels."

Baptist Hospital of Alexandria has a 6 million dollar expansion program on the drawing boards.

In other action the Executive Board adopted a record budget of \$3,900,000 for 1971, a \$50,000 increase over the current budget. Southern Baptist Convention causes would receive 31.5 per cent of all Cooperative Program receipts as compared to 31.4 per cent this year.



## Institute For Retarded Is Held

An institute on "The Retarded Child and his Church" was held Oct. 22 at the Ellisville State School, sponsored by the school and the Cooperative Missions Department. Dr. Foy Rogers, director. Several leaders present, from left, were: Rev. Ed Gandy, pastor West Ellisville Church; Rev. Bernard Nail, chaplain, State Hospital, Whitfield; Roy Trim, Cavary Baptist Church, Jackson, and Dr. Rogers. The institute was directed by Jerry St. John, associate in Cooperative Missions Department and missionary to the deaf.



# Children's Village Brings To A Close One Of The Busiest Summers In Its History

The boys and girls at the Baptist Children's Village have recently concluded one of the busiest, happiest and most fruitful summer periods of activity in the history of the Baptist child care agency, as revealed in a report to the Village Board of Trustees jointly released by Karl K. McGraw, administrative assistant and David C. Foster, director of activities, both of the Village staff.

"The Teen Choir", including "The Treble Teens" and "The Villagers", all being popular and well-known choral groups from the department of music at the Baptist Children's Village, commenced the summer's program by observing the choir's annual tour, singing this year in various Baptist churches in the southern part of the state and enjoying a visit of several days at Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg and in New Orleans.

The Junior Choir presented an attractive and entertaining operetta, "Cowboy On The Moon", for several hundred guests on the Village campus, and by special invitation, repeated the performance to a "standing room only" crowd in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Piano pupils of Mrs. Jan Nix, director of the department of music and Mrs. Glo Spivey, her assistant, were presented in summer recital in Powell Chapel on the Village campus.

Five different baseball and softball teams, coached by Messrs. McGraw and Foster, participated in summer-long league play, with numbers of the games being played on the Village campus, and with several of the teams adding trophies to the Village trophy case.

Long-time observers of campus life at the Village have noted that more children participated in the outdoor program of directed play on the baseball fields, in the gymnasium, in the swimming pool and about the carpet golf course during the summer of 1970 than at any time in recent history.

The small, but attractive miniature golf course is a gift to the Village from the Evening Optimist Club of Jackson, having been constructed and financed by the men of that club.

The recreational highlights of the summer were culminated in dual "Play-Days", observed on the Fourth Day of July and again on Labor Day with the involvement of every boy and girl on the Village campus in day-long track and field events as alternatives to off-campus visiting and travelling on busy highways during dangerous weekends.

The annual summer holiday visit into hundreds of private homes in every area of the state was enjoyed by all children at the Village for 17 days during the last days of July and the early days of August.

Under the planning and direction of Mr. McGraw, who is a Baptist minister charged with staff responsibility for spiritual counselling and church relationships, the annual "Religious Emphasis Week" was observed in Powell Chapel and in Hester Activities Building on the Village campus at the beginning of the 1970 summer season, and according to Mr. McGraw, the inspiration of that week seemed to set the happy and healthy tone which characterized the environment on the beautiful Flag Chapel campus for the entire summer.

Rev. Granville Watson, Pastor of Moorhead's First Baptist Church was the speaker each evening during the week for the inspirational services.

Workshops, discussion groups, motion pictures and film strips, each designed for boys and girls of various age groups, were conducted and exhibited during the day-time sessions of the week, all with emphasis upon a practical application of the principles of Christian home living to play-life and to the vocations.

Music, recreation, fun and spiritual enrichment was balanced, in the judgment of the Village staff, by a carefully planned schedule of work and teaching.

The very successful and unique summer classes in remedial or corrective reading, conducted on the Village campus by a professional reading teacher for benefit of Village children unable to read and Village children with unstable school backgrounds, was continued each day, along with sewing classes for all Village girls 13 years of age and older.

All Village boys in the same age group were enrolled throughout the summer in the Village's own vocational shop work program. As usual, the major share of the maintenance and physical upkeep of the 20 buildings and 75 acres which comprise the Village campus was performed by the boys who live at the Village under the direction of the Village's maintenance staff.

Foster and McGraw each commented that the outstandingly favorable evaluation of and reaction to the Village's program of Activities by Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas, an expert child care consultant who visited the Village campus during the summer of 1970, has cemented the conviction of the Village staff that the sort of planned ministry which the Village offers throughout the year, and which was demonstrated so effectively during the summer of 1970, is absolutely critical to the needs of children now coming to care.

BSU-ers Honors Two Killed Enroute To Convention

DALLAS (BP) — More than 3,000 students attending the Texas Baptist Student Convention dedicated the closing service of the three-day gathering here to two persons killed enroute to the 51st annual event.

Lynn Ann Pinson, an 18-year-old freshman at Texas Tech, was killed instantly when a busload of Baptist Student Union members from the Lubbock School overturned on a rain-slick road near Jacksboro, Tex. The driver T. R. McCurry, 51, of Lubbock, died later in the hospital where 13 students were hospitalized with injuries.

The students at the convention were visibly saddened, but one explained to an enquiring newsmen why there was no air of pervading gloom.

The Church Deacon: Never Off Duty

One night prior to the evening worship service, a little boy came up to me and asked, "Pastor, is my daddy first I was puzzled by his inquiry, going to be a deacon tonight?" At Then I realized what he wanted to know. He was asking, "Is my daddy going to help with the Lord's Supper tonight?"

I have thought of that boy's question many times since then. "Is my daddy going to be a deacon tonight?" Had the boy been a great deal older, I might have replied, "Son, there's much more to being a deacon than serving the Lord's Supper. Yes, your daddy is a deacon tonight, but he's a deacon every night."

He's a deacon while on the job. He's a deacon in the home. He's a deacon during Sunday School on Sunday morning. He's a deacon even while engaging in civic affairs. And son, there are a lot of people who know that he is a deacon. Would you just remind your daddy to be at his best at all times? He has a lot of influence, you know."

—Baptist Bulletin Service  
By A. T. Green, Jr.

Appelman Campaigns See 407 Professions Of Faith

In the last three campaigns conducted by Dr. Hyman Appelman, 7339 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, God gave 407 on profession of faith for baptism, 44 by transfer of membership, 19 for full-time service, together with many hundreds for total dedication.

The meetings were in Durham, North Carolina; in Nashville, Tennessee, and in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Student Missions Conference Will Be Held Feb. 26 To 28

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The fifteenth annual Student Missions Conference will be held Feb. 26 through 28 at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Under the general theme, "Revolution, Resistance, Response", the college-student weekend will feature major addresses, an audio-visual program, small-group discussions on current issues, and a worship service with music, choreography and drama.

All college and college-age persons are eligible to attend. Last year more than 1,100 students from 75 colleges and universities attended.

Featured on the program will be the SBC's Foreign Mission Board audio-visual production "Eyewitness to Revolution". Small group discussions will also be held which center on 1) issues that call for Christian response and 2) geographic regions and their need for ministry.

Special addresses and dialogue sessions will be given by Jesse Fletcher, director of mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board, Bill Wakefield, campus minister to 120,000 students in Manila, the Philippines, and James Wright, pastor to a seven-language congregation in Jamaica-Queens, New York City.

Inquiries should be addressed to 1971 Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

Church Building Conferences Set During Convention

Church building conferences for pastors, planning and survey committees and building committees will be held during the week of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, November 9-12.

Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., church building consultant, in the Sunday School Department will be available for personal conferences. All conferences will be held in the Baptist Building Sunday School Department, Room 305 on the second floor.

Interested individuals or church committees should write Mr. Conniff (Box 530, Jackson), or telephone 354-3704, for specific day and time schedule for conferences.

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ing through the field education program, in which pastors of these rural churches can receive professional guidance from either Bennett or McSwain.

4) by reaching out to deacons and other laymen through the Small Church Conference held annually at the seminary, providing constructive dialogue on problems the churches are facing, individually and collectively.

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## "Have You Heard?"

Dr. D. L. Ireland, Pastor, First, Fort Payne, Ala.

The above question has provoked excitement a plenty through the years. Our ears perk up like a hound hot on the trail of a fleeing forest animal. Our drooling for that choice morsel is surpassed only by the intense desire to hasten to share said morsel with more "trusted" friends. It becomes an unending chain reaction editorialized in such proportion until soon it even changes in text and context, almost beyond recognition. Such is the ebbing of shallow brains which strive in vain to be a rolling tide on the ocean of idleness.

Pope John XXIII expressed so very well the position that every God-loving Christian should have: "If you hear anything good about men, praise the Lord as I do, for He has done it all. If you hear criticisms, pray for me if the criticism is just; and, if it is unjust, forgive whoever utters it." It matters not if the conversation centers around character assassination of an individual or the church of our blessed Lord. To downgrade another is an indication of total disregard of God's commandment, "Thou shalt not bear a false witness."

What has been your attitude toward your church lately? Are you building up or tearing down? Every member could say a great deal of good about the church if they attended more often and assumed an active roll in its mission and outreach.

The greatest critics are the bystanders, not the participants. God help us to bury the idea of bystanders and get on with the dedicated efforts of the active participants. After all, our Lord's divine imperative of faithful service was given in the active, not the passive, voice. "FOLLOW ME!"

## You Can Stop A Revolution

AT A meeting in New York last year, Billy Graham told of a conversation with a leading member of the New York movement. This leader said, "Within five years we shall have either revolution or dictatorship." Graham asked, "Can anything stop it?" He then answered, "Only one thing can stop it, and that is a religious awakening." God's people can turn our nation back to God if we will get right with God; get our whole families back into gospel preaching churches regularly, and witness for Christ with our lips and lives. It's God's people who are failing to be faithful to God who are instrumental in the spread of much of our difficulty today. We cannot blame a lost world for loving sin and despising God, but we can blame ourselves for loving the world and in essence, despising the things of God. We cannot blame a sinner for not supporting our churches, but we can blame ourselves when we have dropped out of church or at least are not as faithful as we used to be.

## Mahaica Harvest

By Manget Herrin, Missionary  
Guyana, S. A.

"Why don't you go up Mahaica Creek to the school with the gospel? No one has been up there for several years."

These soft words spoken by the wife of the headmaster of Biaboo School were to my soul the thundering voice of God. I was gripped with a compulsion to go up Mahaica Creek, but I did not know why. When headmaster Singh came home for a weekend, all the arrangements were made. I would go up the creek.

The day for traveling came. Pastor Simon Mangru and my oldest son, Timothy, joined me for the trip. The only way to the area is by boat, so we boarded the postal launch which awaited us and began the 10-mile trip up the river.

Only 10 miles, but it takes an hour and a half to make the trip. The chugging sound of the motor was broken by flocks of screaming parrots. The greenery of the river growth is dotted by birds with exotic colors. The banks are the resting place for alligators which give the appearance that God made them to just lie lazily in the sun.

Arriving at Biaboo School we were greeted by the headmaster, 14 teachers and 450 students! We were the first preachers, priests or missionaries — anyone with the gospel — in seven years.

Every ear was alert as I spoke to the older students. Pastor Simon spoke to the younger children. Every child received either a Gospel of John or a gospel tract. We gave every teacher a copy of Good News for Modern Man. Yet, as exciting as this was, there was still in my soul an unrest — knowledge that I had not yet seen why God had brought me up the creek to these East Indian settlements.

"There is another school, Grass Hook, three miles up on the creek —

Love is the fairest flower that blooms in the garden of God.



## A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Until then I had never faced a dreaded experience hopeless that it could be changed to keep me from hurting. On this day hurt was inevitable. There was no turning the moving van away when it arrived at the appointed time. There was no hope of placing dishes back in cabinets from which they had been used uncountable times to hold food to satisfy the hunger of the boys and their friends, no hope of letting the boys stack their books on the study table to pick up on the way to school in the morning. For in the morning we would be gone.

This week makes four years that have passed since then, yet a vague hurt stirs, still, in my heart at the remembrance of the day. When I drive along and unexpectedly see a moving van siphoning the contents of a home into its darkness for hauling away, the hurt stirs again. I suppose I will never get over it completely. On that day itself I had been sure I would not get over it even partially.

How is it explainable — this manner of life a preacher's family follows? For nearly eight years we had lived in that place. Bad times and good times, critical opponents and loyal friends had accumulated. Our roots had grown deep. Today we were moving. Can a family so deeply rooted be transplanted?

My greatest task on moving day was to hold myself together. I did fine until I went to the school to gather the boys. They came out one by one, trying to be so brave. We've never told them, "Big boys don't cry." Sometimes big boys do need to cry. This was one of those times. So we sat in the car, and we cried.

Then we went to the nearly empty house. I told them — and James — that I would be back shortly. What I did not tell them was that I had to go somewhere where no one would hear my heart when it broke. I drove to the back of the church, went into the sanctuary, sat down and filled it with quiet sobs.

The most perplexing thing was that I could not tell exactly what all the sobs were about. Reasons were all scrambled in my mind, emotions all mixed in my heart. Some sort of

peace was necessary. Sitting there alone, I thought, I was compelled to listen, for God was saying to me, "Child, you have asked, and now you receive. Did you not want me to say, 'Yes,' to your prayers? ... Ask and ye shall receive."

I countered, "But, Lord, you know I had homesteaded here."

Indeed, the church to which we were going fit every single detail of the church I had described to God as the place I'd like Him to entrust to us while the boys were teenagers, from size to staff. Now I was behaving almost like the hard-to-please husband who told his wife he wanted three eggs — one scrambled, one poached, one fried. When she served the three eggs, he yelled, "You fried the wrong one!" How ungratefully I was reacting to the guiding hand of God. His peaceful words eased my heart, and it did not break.

Still, I knew it would be a while before we would see love in the eyes of our new people. We were accustomed to being loved. Waiting for the new love to grow would not be easy. Homesickness and all its complications were bound to be our portion. Again, He did not leave me comfortless, "Child, do you think you leave Me here and go alone?"

I joined my family, and the moving van went on its way. We His branches, went on our way, knowing we were not being severed from the Vine. Transplanting our family to another vineyard, the Master Keeper would tend us there, as surely and tenderly as ever.

And love would grow, too. Some months following the transplant, I said to James one day after I came home from the church, "I'm beginning to see love in the eyes of our people."

His reply? "I've seen it for quite a while." Maybe it takes love to see love, and he looked with love sooner.

It is a happy fourth anniversary we celebrate here Sunday.

(NOTE: Mail to the writer of this column may be addressed to Mrs. James Fancher, 310 W. Canal Street, Aberdeen, Miss., 38730. Her husband is pastor of First Church, Aberdeen.)

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Jackson Countians Protest Grant's Sunday Opening

Regional Manager  
W. T. Grant Company  
6254 103rd St.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

Dear Sir:  
It has come to the attention of the Jackson County Baptist Association that the shopping area known as Grant's Plaza, Highway 90 East, Pascagoula, Mississippi, has announced their intention of opening for business on Sunday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Baptist Association, consisting of 36 churches and some 15,000 plus members, did vote unanimously in annual conference, October 13, 1970 to strongly oppose the decision of your company to operate on Sundays.

The members of the Jackson County Baptist Association express their concern that this, the first Sunday

opening of a business of this nature, will lead to full-scale Sunday business operations by other shopping centers.

We earnestly beg you to reconsider this decision, as your store could well set a precedent for Sunday business operations by other shopping centers.

It was further recommended by the Jackson County Baptist Association, that copies of this letter be released to: The Mississippi Press, Pascagoula, Mississippi; the Baptist Record, (our state Baptist paper) Jackson, Mississippi; WPMB Radio, Pascagoula, Mississippi; WCIS Radio, Moss Point, Mississippi; and other local and area news media.

Zeno Wells, Supt. of Missions  
Robert Dunn, Vice-Moderator  
Kenneth Byrd, Chairman of Christian Action Committee

### Indian Springs Rejects Literature

On Sunday, October 11, the members of Indian Springs Baptist Church, Perry County Association, at Hattiesburg, voted to reject the current literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We feel that the Sunday School Board has abandoned its role of Bible teaching and has entered the field of social reform in the wake of other denominations. This we cannot accept, as we feel that Southern Baptists' only objective is, or should be, to teach the Bible, the message of Christ. The members of the Indian Springs Baptist Church urgently recommend that the Sunday School Board return to the teaching of the Bible in our denominational literature.

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## EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

America's entry into Cambodia and the Jackson and Kent State shootings produced the most intense reaction on colleges and universities with the highest academic admission policies, a survey by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education concluded recently.

The Commission survey of 2,551 college and university presidents, with 73 percent responding, also concluded that colleges and universities in the Northeast showed greater reaction than elsewhere.

The Commission said colleges and universities that admit freshmen from the top 10 percent of high school classes had more reaction than schools with open admission policies. The study made no comment on this finding.

In the most selective schools, there were these reactions: 35 percent had student strikes of one day or longer, 80 percent had student campaigns to communicate with local residents about the war, 79 percent had peaceful demonstrations, and 9 percent had violent demonstrations.

Schools with open admissions had these reactions: 9 percent, strikes; 33 percent, campaigns; 41 percent, peaceful demonstrations; and 5 percent, violent demonstrations. Some schools were listed in more than one category.

### NBC Increases Time Given To Religious Programs

The Radio and Television Commission will benefit in both the amount and quality of time allotted to its network programming as a result of a policy change made by the National Broadcasting Company. Commission officials pointed out.

NBC has increased the length of its Sunday religious programs, produced in cooperation with the major faith groups, from 30 minutes to one hour. It also has shifted the series from 1:30 p.m. to the near prime-time slot of 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

In place of its former allotment of five half-hour programs, the Commission will have three full-hour programs under the policy.

The Commission also has been designated to produce the first program in the series. To be shown next Jan. 10, it will feature a tour of the Prado, famed Spanish museum in Madrid, with emphasis on "the artists' view of God's creation."

## Election Day

Next Tuesday is National Election Day, and citizens across the nation will march to the polls to vote for the officials who will lead them in the government for the next two to six years. While this is the mid-year election, and the presidency is not at stake, it is of major importance because of congressional elections and the choice of governors and other officials in many states. The posture of congress for the next two years will be determined, and also the probable effectiveness of the incumbent administration during that period.

The freedom of the ballot box is the force through which stable government is retained. It is the one safe-guard through which change in government can be made and through which freedoms for all are guaranteed. It is the answer to those anarchists who continue to cry for destruction of our nation.

It is almost unbelievable to hear some people shout "Tear down the nation," "Destroy the establishment," etc. Right thinking citizens cannot comprehend how any American except a traitor could call for the destruction

of his nation and for victory for her enemies.

No one will deny that there are some things in America which are not right, and almost everyone of us has some grievance. These, however, will not be corrected by destroying the nation, and there are so many things which are right with America, despite the problems, that every right-thinking American, should love his land and support it. Christians should be the leaders in this, for they should be praying continually for their government and should be found among the best citizens in the nation.

One of the ways of keeping America out of the hands of those radicals who would destroy it is to exercise the responsibility of the vote. You may not feel that next week's elections in Mississippi are significant, since the number of offices involved is limited. Actually, however, all elections are important, so let each of us act as responsible citizens and have a part in choosing our leaders next week.

This is the best answer that we know to those who are seeking to destroy our land.

## Anonymous Letters

As is already well known by most of our readers The Baptist Record does not publish anonymous letters. We will, if requested to do so, withhold the name of the writer, but under no circumstance will we publish a letter when the writer fails to give identification.

Most anonymous letters are based upon misinformation, (as was the latest one we have received), and if the writer knew

the facts the letter probably would not be written. Others are written out of fear of recrimination. This, too, is an error, since every Baptist has the right to express his opinion, as long as he is dealing with principles and not with personalities.

However, let us once again make it very clear, that anyone who writes without signing his name, is wasting paper, ink, time and postage. The letters will not be published.

Guest Editorial

## Cooperation By Choice

Hudson Baggett  
In Alabama Baptist

Recently Dr. Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, expressed dismay because so many people misunderstand Southern Baptist polity. According to Dr. Bates he has received many letters as president of the Southern Baptist Convention asking how a church can be pulled out of the Southern Baptist Convention. As Dr. Bates explains, no church joins the Southern Baptist Convention in the first place. Churches are affiliated with the convention by choice. Buying of literature, giving of gifts, and other ways of participating in matters of the Convention are entirely voluntary.

We hear a great deal today about Southern Baptist Convention leaders telling us what to do. It needs to be observed that no matter what they tell us we do not have to do what they say. Those who attempt to frighten us at this point do not understand the Baptist way of cooperation by choice.

Doubtless, one reason for the degree of cooperation seen in the Southern Baptist Convention is that most people do not feel coerced.

Another reason for the amazing cooperation of churches and individuals in the program of the Southern Baptist Convention is belief in causes which we support. Naturally, people have preferences in thinking about causes worthy of their support.

Few people, however, are interested exclusively in one cause. Most people are willing to give in order that all of the causes supported by the Cooperative Program can be helped. Circumstances and needs change. Some people feel that we need to review our patterns and programs constantly in order to keep them up to date. This seems imperative, but causes which Southern Baptists have been interested in through the years have appeal for most people today.

Despite frequent attacks concerning credibility, we must attribute much of our cooperation to our trust in one another. We have ways of accounting to our people that are open and above board. Our agencies and institutions are required to present financial audits at least once a year. We have boards and committees that involve many of our people which provide checks and balances as important decisions are made.

Cooperation by choice has been the traditional Baptist way, and it must continue. Controversy and debate sometimes cause us to have second thoughts about how open and how free people should be. As we think of the problems that are involved in openness and freedom, we should also think of the tragedy of a closed system. Such a system cuts down the noise, but it also closes the door to freedom.

## "QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels he is worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him.

LET EVERYONE SWEEP in front of his own door, and the world will be clean.—Goethe.

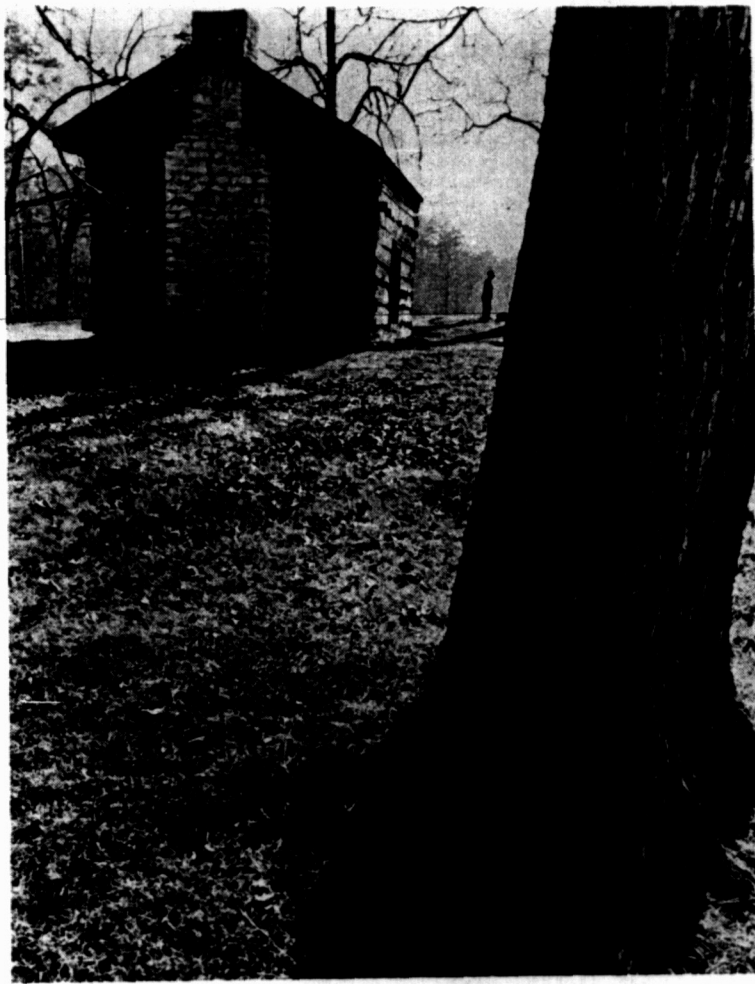
It is immoral to vote for a man who has charisma, the newspaper kind of charisma, not the Bible kind—unless the candidate has something else going for him.—C. Earl Cooper.

To do the will of God is the supreme accomplishment in everyday life. Not to know it, to do it. For the knowing of it comes in the doing of it.—Buckner Fanning in "Christ in Your Shoes," a Broadman book.

When we belong to God we have the assurance that nothing in this life or death can thwart his good purpose for us.—Joseph F. Green in "The Bible's Secret of Full Happiness," a Broadman book.

The Christian who is concerned with ministering to fellow Christians must also concern himself with learning how to help.—John Isher in "When Trouble Comes," a Broadman book.





Autumn Afternoon

A MAN stands near a pre-Civil War log cabin in a northern Georgia park and watches the sun set on an autumn afternoon.—RNS Photo.

### Memorial Tribute To Dr. E. C. Williams

In memory of their departed deacon and friend, Dr. E. C. Williams, the deacons of First Church, Jackson, have officially placed in the permanent minutes of the church, a summary of a few of the outstanding characteristics of that faithful servant of the Lord.

"Dr. Edward Clayton Williams was one of the finest and most resourceful leaders among Mississippi Baptists for a half century. Officially, he served as either associate or secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1924 until his retirement in 1958. During that time, in addition to his official duties, he served this church as a deacon and was chosen by the Mississippi Baptist Convention as its president for the years 1943 and 1944. During this span of years he was always available, as a lay preacher, to lead in any worship service, large or small, exalted or humble, regardless of the time, place, or circumstances. The results he achieved came about because he was Spirit-led and selfless in his dedication to the task at hand.

"He was a real man, in the highest and best sense of that word. Always interested in athletics, he was an outstanding participant in his college days, and was a vitally interested spectator all his life; in fact, in his later years his doctor thought it wise to limit his viewing of sports contests even on television to avoid straining his great heart. The hunting rifle presented to him upon his retirement was a fitting climax to his years of hunting and other activities as an ardent sportsman. Then, in the true test of a real man, he was an outstanding family man who loved his wonderful wife all his days, who loyally supported his children in their activities and

# The Minister And His Family: Humans, Too

By H. Gordon Shamburger, Chaplain  
Baptist Hospital  
(Speech given to Pastors' Conference  
Brookhaven, Mississippi)

To the surprise and chagrin of many people, the minister, the minister's wife, and their children are human, too—only human! Tradition has elevated this unique family to an exalted, idealistic, and unreal position which no doubt is the result of a puritanical philosophy that has created perhaps as many problems as it has resolved for western civilization. Many other factors which have helped to evolve the minister's almost untenable and often impossible position come from distorted Biblical and theological interpretations by schools, seminaries, churches, communities of various sizes, localities, customs, and ethnic backgrounds, and from people who have both consciously and unconsciously helped to create a condition that is unwholesome, impossible and unhealthy for both the clergyman's family and his parishioners.

God has given to each of us, as a glorious heritage, a great challenge and a grand opportunity to grow and become honorable witnesses before the world. This, I must reiterate, is an opportunity to grow—to become—to BE! Man is not perfect. He is not without sin. He is not what he was, but neither is he what he shall be. The church needs to know this. The community needs to learn this. Individuals should come to realize this. They should cease to demand more than God expects of His people.

This view does not suggest that man should lower God's expectations

demonstrated great patience with all his kin. Finally, as do all good men, he exerted a great influence for good on the lives of other men with whom he associated and set a wonderfully balanced example for younger men who enjoyed his company, admired his principles and learned, by observing his activities, that one can be a Christian and a gentleman and still be a real man.

"Possibly the crowning virtue of 'E. C.', as so many called him, was the spirit that permeated his presence. He was always optimistic, helpful and constructive and one associate states that he was never known to criticize a pastor or denominational worker. Moreover, beneath his calm appearance there lay a keen sense of humor which bubbled over with regularity. Many will remember his laughter at hearing, or recounting, the details of some humorous event. "These are but a few of the traits of the late E. C. Williams, who was truly one of God's noblemen."

for His ministers. But neither does it suggest that man should place unbearable burdens upon another man which he himself is not willing or able to carry.

The minister's family lives in a fish bowl. They are in the spotlight. All eyes are focused upon them. Mrs. "Know-it-all" observes who goes in and out of the pastor's house—when they come and go—and if she doesn't know who comes and goes, she will ask the neighbor next door or will call Mrs. "Busy-body" at the drugstore or crossroads store to see what they know.

When the minister goes out to visit or leaves for the church, the curtain across the street seems to slide over just enough to let Sister "I-Seen-Him-When-He-Done-It" get her good eye focused on the unsuspecting preacher. She knows if he has on his Sunday best, or his old slick, blue serge, if his shoes are polished, tied and if they match the rest of his threadbare togs. Should he have on his coveralls to do a job of manual labor (such as fixing a leaking pipe in the baptistry that the "Building and Grounds Committee" should have fixed six months ago, but put it off). Mrs. "I-Seen-Him-When-He-Done-It" declares over the "hot-line" that the preacher slipped off fishing again. He hasn't been but once in three months, but she vows that he goes two or three times a week.

The minister's wife has it no easier than her counterpart. She, too, is a chief topic of conversation—a dainty morsel of meaty mono-syllabic verbiage. If she goes with her man to visit, she doesn't trust him! If she doesn't go, she is lazy, stuck-up, and cares nothing about anyone else! If she has ten God-given talents and tries to use some of them, she wants to run the church! "Nobody else gets a chance to do anything," says Mrs. "Chip-On-The-Shoulder" to Mrs. "Loose-Tongue." On the other hand, if she refuses to take several jobs in the church, she's lazy.

And those P.K.'s! Their lot is not a bed of roses, either. They are dragged from pillar to post—to school, church for four hours or more on Sunday, Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s, Officers and Teachers Meeting, picnics, revivals, VBS, visiting, and associational meetings (planned for all age groups, but no one shows up or plans for their age group 75% of the time, so they must sit for 2 hours like little Lord Fauntleroy or Princess Margarets, looking like little washed and scrubbed cherubs!) They had better not cry, talk, laugh, or get out of their seats. They must be "soldiers of the Cross," even if

they are not old enough to know what that should mean.

All the time, like their parents, they are under pressure. The fire gets hotter and the lid on the pot gets screwed down tighter, like a pressure cooker!

No, the minister's family is not to have any feelings, express any emotions or show signs of sensitivity to pain or pressure, whether it be physical, psychological, or spiritual. They must be stoical and brave as an American Indian whose resistance to suffering is a sign of strength and pride.

But, alas! Reality takes its toll. The minister's family begins to act more like real humans rather than "quasi-angels." The wife may or may not be the stronger of the two. If she is strong, he will develop some physical or mental symptoms first. At first a cold or sore throat—maybe sinus or hay fever. Pretty soon it may be that a disc in his back is dislocated and he has to be put in traction for two or three weeks. If he is the stronger, the wife may develop headaches, arthritis or ulcers and need a change of climate.

Sometimes the children may become frustrated. They want to run and play or go and do things as normal boys and girls, but because they are P.K.'s, they must be restrained until their personalities become cramped. They repress their emotions in the presence of others so long that they get to the place that they subconsciously hate the church, their parents, and even God! When they get to be teenagers, the ego that is God-given begins to assert its real self. It makes a desperate effort to break out of the man-made cage that is both unreal and often misunderstood. Adults, more often than not, will read this as pure disrespect for all that society calls good, when in reality it may be nothing more than a human being attempting to be born full bloom into a personality that God intended him to become.

No doubt I have said some things you can agree with. I do not expect you to fully agree. But, friends, you must admit these things that we have looked at are real. They are part of the structure or framework of reality that we live in. And, we might as well laugh at them rather than cry over them.

To be sure, there are other facts we need to consider. Briefly, I will merely try to name some with very little comment.

First, we must face the problem of priorities:

- (a) Who will be first? God or man?
- (b) What will be first? People or things?

Second, we must face the problem of a budget:

- (a) Financial — What is expected of you? What do you expect of yourself? What is real, practical and Godly? (House, food, clothing, auto, education, insurance, medical, etc.)
- (b) Time — Church (But what about family and community?)

The most precious earthly possession God has given to us is our family. Our wives and children are the ones who should make life worthwhile and meaningful. Yet so often they are not considered in a preacher's schedule—either by the preacher, sometimes, or by part of the church at other times. After all, he belongs to God and his duty is to the church. Many feel they own him—lock, stock and barrel.

Pastor, listen to this! Your wife did not marry a preacher. She married a man who happens to be a preacher. You didn't marry a preacher's wife, you married a woman whose husband is a preacher. As individual human beings, each of you has needs that only the other can fulfill. God expects us to do that! Those little children are not P.K.'s first, they are offspring of a man and a woman. They, too, are human beings made in the image of God. They think, they feel, they seek, they know, they hurt, and they cry. They need a father's love, care, concern, protection, and interest. But, alas, so often these are the neglected ones. How many of you really know your wife and children—how lonely they feel at times—how despised and rejected they feel because some people feel that this is one family anybody ought to be able to walk on and they should not fight back. God forbid it!

As I look at my two grown children, it dawns upon me that there are gaps in our relationship. Many times when we planned an outing of a few moments together, the "preacher" could not go, for he was off selling bonds to build a building, when he should have been at home building character and lives. There have been times when one or both of them would climb upon my knee for a moment of fun and play, the phone would ring and a voice would say, "Preacher, we are waiting on you. Did you forget the committee meeting, visitation, the PTA devotional, etc.?" And, with a hurried apology, I'd "shoo" the children away and say, "See you later, daddy has an important meeting." So, once again, a precious chance to be a person of love, concern, and understanding to my children would be gone forever.

## The Role Of Baptist Hospital? Healing Yes. But Education Also . . .

If you think Mississippi Baptist Hospital's role in the community is confined to that of an institution of healing—think again! Mississippi Baptist Hospital, the largest private general hospital in the state, also is a major EDUCATIONAL institution.

The educational programs at Baptist Hospital are:

**PHYSICIANS** — Mississippi Baptist Hospital offers twelve approved rotating internships consisting of three months in surgery, four months in medicine, two months in obstetrics-gynecology, two months in pediatrics, and one month in an elective.

Appointments are made through the National Intern Matching Program. Included in the program are regularly scheduled conferences in surgery, medicine, ob-gyn, pediatrics, radiology, pathology and cardiology.

Requests for additional information on the intern program should be addressed to Dr. John F. Bussey, director of medical education, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, 1190 North State Street, Jackson, Miss. 39201.

**REGISTERED NURSES**—Students in the Mississippi College School of Nursing, working toward careers as Registered Nurses, take their clinical training at Baptist Hospital. Under plans

approved by the trustees of both institutions, Mississippi College offers a four-year program in nursing education leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

A student-loan program has been developed by Mississippi College, in cooperation with Baptist Hospital, which will provide loans up to \$1000 per year for student nurses.

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**—Baptist Hospital offers a basic twelve-month course in Practical Nursing to men and women between the ages of 18 and 55.

Applications for admission to the School of Practical Nursing may be obtained from the Director of Nursing Service, Mrs. Johnnie B. Weber, Baptist Hospital, 1190 North State Street, Jackson, 39201.

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS**—The Baptist Hospital School of Medical Technology is approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association.

The registered medical technologist works side by side with doctors in medical laboratories as an important member of a team in the diagnosis and treatment of disease or as a member of a research team discovering new things.

**RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS**—The Baptist Hospital

School of Radiologic Technology is accredited by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology. It is formally recognized by the American College of Radiology.

Courses are taught in anatomy, physiology, physics, radiologic techniques and procedures, chemistry of processing solutions and darkroom techniques, radiation protection, equipment and maintenance of equipment.

**INHALATION THERAPISTS**—The Baptist Hospital School of Inhalation Therapy is a part of the hospital's Department of Inhalation Therapy, and it offers a program of higher learning leading to a diploma in inhalation therapy, and to an Associate of Science degree.

Inhalation therapy is an allied health specialty in the treatment, management, control and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with respiration.

It involves the therapeutic use of medical gases, air and oxygen-administering apparatus; environmental control systems; humidification and aerosols; drugs and medications; ventilatory control; postural drainage;



Radiologic technology.

chest physiotherapy and breathing exercise; respiratory rehabilitation; assistance with cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and maintenance of natural, artificial and mechanical airways.

More information may be obtained from Bill Milliken or Bob Wall, both with the Inhalation Therapy School.

**IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION**—Education does not stop with graduation. At Baptist Hospital, a wide range of programs are constantly underway designed to keep the knowledge and skills of all health professionals at the hospital completely up to date.

**CAREER CONSULTANT**—Baptist Hospital has a career



X-Ray.

consultant—Miss Kathy Bearden—available for conference or conversation with youngsters just beginning to think about career decisions.

As Baptist Hospital's coordinator of spiritual and recreational activities for the students of the above-mentioned schools, Miss Bearden has had a multiple opportunity to communicate with student hospital careers. Prospects for such careers are invited to call Miss Bearden at Baptist Hospital—948-5211, Extension 316—and ask her questions about possible health careers.

Miss Bearden is available to talk to church youth groups about hospital careers, and pastors are invited to call her in order to make arrangements for conferences—either at the church or at the hospital.

**SEMINARS FOR PASTORS**—Baptist Hospital's chaplain, Rev. Gordon Shamburger, conducts eight-week seminars (half-day a week for eight weeks) in pastoral care of the ill.



Chaplain Shamburger (standing, second from right) with religious education students from Mississippi College in a pastoral-care course at the hospital.



Inhalation therapy—care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with respiration.



Practical-Nurse students.







# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON ———— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM ————

## Appreciating The Unity Of The Faith

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 2:44-47; Galatians 6:1-10;  
Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 3:12-17;  
1 John 1

We are not to conceive of the Christian life as an experience in seclusion or isolation. It is a life in relationships with other persons. This truth has abundant emphasis in New Testament teaching. The early Christians felt this unity strongly and shared their material goods with one another according to their needs. They learned from apostolic teaching that the barriers which divided Jews and Gentiles had been broken down by the cross of Christ; they were indeed members of the family of God, fellow citizens in his kingdom, and joined together as a holy temple in the Lord. Their unity obligated them to forgive one another and to be considerate of one another.

### The Lesson Explained

A LAW TO BE KEPT (vv. 1-5)

Paul addressed an urgent admonition to Christians to help any weaker brother who might be overtaken by some trespass and thus be in difficulty by his own wrongdoing. Such a Christian is not to be ignored or forgotten or condemned. Instead, more spiritually-minded Christians should feel the strongest sort of obligation to seek his restoration. This calls for manifesting sincere love and concern for him to the point of his being willing to receive spiritual ministry and moral reinforcement. A church ought not to be so large that wayward or indifferent members would be lost in the crowd. The wayward Christian is to be restored with a spirit of gentleness. The more spiritually-minded persons are to be aware of their own weakness before temptation, and they are never to exalt themselves with pride or look on weaker fellow Christians with self-righteous condemnation or criticism. We are all dependent on the grace of God. We are responsible to help one another. Even so, we are each one responsible for ourselves. Each Christian is responsible to bear one another's burdens and to help one another.

### A DEBT TO BE PAID (v. 6)

In this verse Paul refers to the obligation of those who are taught to support those who teach. The apostle's admonition had special reference to the material support of ministers. This matter should not be looked on as unimportant. It is in every way appropriate for Christians to face their responsibility for the material support of persons called to the Christian ministry. Those who give themselves to Christian teaching are doing a work which is essential to the progress of churches and the development of individuals.

### A PRINCIPLE TO CONTROL LIFE (vv. 7-10)

These verses have a direct relation to verse 6. But likely the apostle had in mind a much larger meaning. His words challenge Christians to realize that they live in a moral universe in which doing evil leads to ruin and doing good brings fullness of life. There is no reason to deceive ourselves. God's moral order cannot be broken without reaping the consequences. Many persons do deceive themselves and mock God by breaking his commandments, spurning his warnings, and ignoring his promises. But, actually, they do not break God's moral order; they simply break themselves by rebelling against his righteous authority and the principle that controls life. As one sows, so shall he reap.

If a person lives on the level of self-interest, yielding to the desires of the flesh and seeking the satisfactions of the flesh, the outcome will be corruption. Such a person is living on the level of appetite, indulgence, pride, and self-centeredness. For some this will mean moral disgrace; for others it will be outward success.

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but awful emptiness of heart, remorse, and disappointment. They, too, reap corruption. But if a person recognizes his relationship to God and his moral responsibility before God and sows to the Spirit, he will reap from the Spirit eternal life. This, of course, assumes faith in God through Christ. Such a person lives on the level of a Christ-centered objective in life. His heart is fixed on God, so that he seeks to lay up treasures in heaven. Every Christian is obligated to commit himself to this kind of living, never losing heart, mindful of a special relationship to follow Christians in the household of faith and a prior obligation to help them in every possible way.

## Three Church Training Seminars For November

NASHVILLE — Three seminars sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be held in November at the Church Program Training Center.

"Leading Youth in Training," directed by Bob R. Taylor, consultant in youth work, will be held Nov. 2-6. Participants will study how to enlist and train workers, how to "sell" the church on total training and how to reach all church youth for training.

"Dialogue on Contemporary Issues," Nov. 2-6, will be directed by John Hendrix, editor of adult curriculum materials, and Gene Wright, consultant in adult work. The seminar will deal with Christian ethics as related to the professions and a study of how to build and use a contemporary issues curriculum for professional laymen, leaders of training groups and other interested adults.

Miss Ethel McIndoo, consultant in children's work, will direct "Skills for Guiding Children." The seminar, to be held Nov. 16-20, will concentrate on developing skills in planning with children toward better learning experiences. Techniques to be studied will include dramatization, role playing, discussion, music, creative writing, stories, poems and litanies.

## Carol Ann Medling, MK, Dies At 20

Carol Ann Medling, 20, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William R. Medling, missionaries, died after a fall in Memphis, Tenn., on October 15. Miss Medling, who had been under medical care for several weeks, was a student at Memphis State University.

A funeral service was held October 17 in Memphis at Cherokee Baptist Church, where the Medlings are members. Burial was in Bolivar, Tenn. James D. Belote, secretary for East Asia for the Foreign Mission Board, represented the board at the services.

Besides her parents, Miss Medling is survived by three married brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Medling are currently in the States on furlough from Okinawa. They may be addressed at 3277 Crete Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38111.

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## Using Our Freedom For Others

Gal. 2:25 - 6:18

By Bill Duncan

God's Spirit is the only source of freedom. When the Spirit is followed, one is not a slave but is given the spirit which Masters his desires and his love of pleasure. No one can truly know self-control until he becomes Spirit-controlled. It is amazing how a person who is submissive to the will of God will feel free to be considerate to his fellow man. People are not to be used like animals, but are to be helped. An athlete's discipline is to give him confidence, so the Christian's mastery of life is because the Spirit controls him.

Secular Greek speaks of the virtue of an emperor who never lets his private interest influence the government of his people. This virtue makes a man so master himself that he is fit to be the servant of others. This is the virtue of temperance in the Christian faith.

When a Christian has died with Christ and has risen again to a new life — new and clean —, the evil things of the old self are gone and the lovely things of the Spirit have to fruition.

The act of using our freedom for others is **burden bearing**. There are two kinds of burdens mentioned in Galatians 6.

(1) There is the kind that comes from the chances and changes of life. These are outside things that descend upon a person. We are to fulfill the law of the Spirit and help everyone who is up against it.

(2) There is the burden which a man must bear himself. "Each man must bear his own burden." This word for burden is the word for a soldier's pack. This is something for which we are personally responsible. This is something that no one can do for us, that we must take care of ourselves.

We are free to help the man who has made a moral slip. The best of men sin. The Christian thing to do is to get the man on his feet again. We as Christians are not to threaten the man who needs our help because he has sinned, but to point out the cure. Our spirit is to be gentle because we could have been the one who sinned. This is no time for comparing. It may lead to conceit. The best example is the story of the woman taken in the act of adultery found in John 8. There were some who wanted to condemn but Jesus was free to help by forgiveness. It could be that our help will begin by our willingness to forgive the one who made the moral slip.

If we must compare our achievements with those of someone else, then try our ideal, Jesus Christ. In this light our best can never be a cause for conceit.

The church is to bear the burdens of its leadership. The early church was a good example of sharing burdens. No Christian could bear to have

too much when someone else had too little. There Paul cites the teachers as examples. If someone is trying to lead you to become more secure in the faith then the church people should share their material things that they possess with the teacher (pastor and staff today).

God one day will reward us according to our attitude and actions of burden-bearing. Christianity does have a threat to it. You cannot "trod on the forgiveness of God." The man who follows the example of Christ and shares according to the direction of the Spirit will of the Spirit harvest the greatness of God's life. The selfish will be richly rewarded. It may be tiresome to be generous, but it is our free privilege. If we do not share, then judgment comes our way.

The important thing is not circumcision but faith and trust in Christ which will open a new life to the new convert. "The reason that some want you to show that you are trying to win the approval of God is so that you will appear to be on their side in this legal dispute." No man can win the approval of God by outward score. So do not become entangled with the laws again.

Paul said he had the brands of Jesus in his body to bear. The truth of the matter is that these were not necessary. But they were the witness of the burden-bearing that one can go to in sharing one's faith. The brands were the results of the life lived according to the will of God. Paul had many signs, marks, or scars of evidence that one could glory about. But these were useless if the new creation had not taken place in one's heart because of faith. He did not seek the approval of God by these marks.

The ones who share their freedom that God has given to them both in the church and outside the church can properly be called the "Israel of God" (verse 16). They are the ones that are God's chosen people. To be called the Israel of God is something wonderful, but it only comes to those who walk according to the rule of the new creation.

The use of our new freedom is for the purpose of giving one's self to others as Christ gave himself for others. Where else can we begin in sharing with others than in the fellowship of those who have morally slipped? What percentage of your church is ripe for this ministry? Where do we begin? The needs are all around us. "Bear ye one another's burden and so fulfill the law of Christ."

## November BH Topics

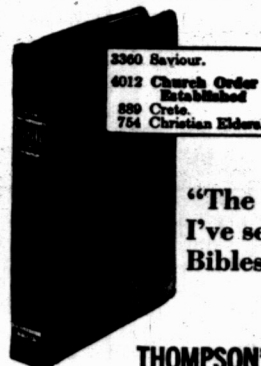
THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for November are:

November 1, "Does Life Have An Anchor?" (Gen. 26:23-25); November 8, "Does Anyone Care For Me?" (Gen. 28:12-13; 15-16); November 15, "Is It Possible For Me To Change My Way?" (Gen. 32:24-28); November 22, "Can God Overrule Evil?" (Gen. 37:28; 45:4-5); November 29, "Is There A Goal In History?" (Gen. 49:8-10).

## BMC To Present

"The Cradle Song"

Dr. Sylvia Hall, head of the Department of Speech and Drama at Blue Mountain College, announces that the fall production will be "THE CRADLE SONG" by Gregorio and Maria Martinez Sierra. The production will be presented on two evenings, Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium.



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Edith E. thought she was really saving money when she cleaned her 9x12 rug herself for only \$2.60. She felt like a Home Ec. dropout when she learned she could have gotten it even cleaner for only 66¢.

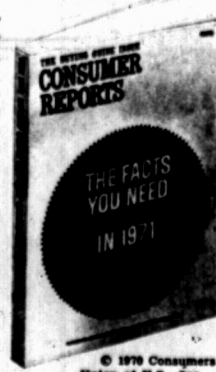
The crowning touch on George G.'s stereo system was a pair of \$250 loudspeakers. Nobody told him that the same manufacturer made a \$128 speaker system that sounded even better.

Harry H. wanted to invest in the best when he repainted the bathroom. But by the time he learned that the best cost \$70 less a quart than what he'd paid, the gloss had begun to dull.

Irving I. really felt like a pro with his new \$174.50 enlarger. When he started pricing lenses for it, he wept all over his darkroom for not knowing about a higher rated model he could have bought for \$155 complete.

Johnny J. made up his mind that he'd never again spend his hard-earned money on power mowers with poorly-shielded blades, circular saws that jammed, caulking compounds that shrank and cracked, antenna amplifiers that didn't improve his TV picture, convertible sofas his wife couldn't open, clothes dryers that snagged the laundry, boats that capsized if they took on too much water, and products that just weren't worth the price.

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## Devotional

## "How To Win Over Worry"

Matthew 6:25-34

By Gerald Buckley  
Pontotoc, Miss.

Most of us are worry warts. We worry about all manner of things. We worry about our health, about paying taxes, about the threat of war, about mistakes we've made, and about the many things we have to do. We also worry about a multitude of little things. Tiny issues, small aggravations, and petty annoyances—these are the little forces that squeeze so much of the joy and sweetness out of life.

Worry causes untold damage to the human personality. The word "worry" comes from an old Anglo-Saxon term, "Wyrgean." This "wyrgean" meant to struggle or to choke. This is precisely what happens to a person who is a victim of worry. Such a person is literally strangling himself.

Worry can cause great damage to a person's mental health. It can cause such fear that one becomes paralyzed. He is unable to deal effectively with the demands of life. Worry consumes so much time that there is not enough time left to deal with important matters. Robert Frost said, "The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work."

Every victim desires freedom from worry, but how can we achieve it? Some people find it helpful to put their troubles down on paper. Take a piece of paper and a pencil the next time you begin to worry and answer these questions: "What am I worrying about? Is this matter really as serious as it seems to be? How important will this problem be a year from now? Is this something that has already happened?" Many people find a great therapeutic value in the use of a pencil.

If the matter we are worrying about has already happened, then we should act accordingly. It should be dealt with and then be dismissed from the mind. Many continue to worry about past sins, but they forget that God has promised to forgive.

There is a great deal to be said for learning to live one day at a time. If we begin to live day by day and call upon God for strength and guidance for the day at hand, we will find that many of our worries will disappear.

Jesus knew what he was talking about when He urged His followers not to be anxious about what they were to wear or what they were to eat. He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

To seek God's kingdom first means to commit ourselves, to lose our lives in a cause great enough to bring real meaning to our lives. The Gospel offers freedom from worry because Christ urges us to forget ourselves and give our highest loyalty to God. When a man begins to trust God in every area of life, he will find release from petty worries.

Life is full of silly distinctions: One man thinks that he is superior because he has a diploma, a degree, because he was born in Saswaschemorgenton, because he has a dark skin. One man is truly distinguished because he has done well with what he has, because he has education, not just a degree, because he loves everyone as he loves himself.—C. Earl Cooper.

## Revival Dates

**North Greenwood:** stewardship revival; November 1-4; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, associate, Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Art Carter, music director; Dr. Charles A. Ray, pastor; dinner-on-the-ground Sunday noon, Nov. 1.

## New Hope Homecoming

**New Hope Church (Simpson)** will observe homecoming on Sunday, November 1, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with dinner served at noon and an afternoon service at 1 o'clock.

Some of the singers will be the Ravin Trio of Gulfport and the Youth Choir of Ridgeland, with several local quartets.

Rev. Johnnie E. Bridges is pastor.



## New Students Sign Honor Code

At Blue Mountain College, each student is placed on her own honor by the Student Government Association, and annually, in the presence of the SGA president, all regular and new students sign individual Honor Codes, indicating that they will realize personal responsibility in keeping the rules of Student Government and loyalty to Blue Mountain College. Left to right: Nona Kay Middleton and Peggy Hunter of Eupora, freshmen, sign their copies of the Honor Code, as Shirley Mohundro of Memphis, president of the SGA, presides.

## Blue Mountain To Celebrate Founder's Day On November 6

The main feature of the program celebrating Founder's Day at Blue Mountain College for the current session, will be presented on Friday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. Alumnae and all friends of the college are invited.

The featured program will be a biographical sketch of Mrs. Janie Lowrey Sanford Graves, the third daughter of General Mark Perrin Lowrey, who founded the college in 1873. For more than a half century, Mrs. Graves worked as a missionary, first in China Town of San Francisco; then in Canton, China, where she supervised as many as four schools at one time, besides going out into the country on Bible-teaching tours.

The dialogue of this biographical sketch is almost the exact wording found in a hand-written manuscript by Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, co-founder of Blue Mountain College and sister to the nationally and internationally known missionary, who was present in the Lowrey home in Blue Mountain as Mrs. Graves left her home and family for the work God called her to do. Other information was gleaned from old issues of the Baptist Record of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and reports to the Southern Baptist Convention, which

## MC Ministers Wives To Hear Home Economist

The Ministers' Wives of Mississippi College will meet November 3 at 7 p.m. at the Hinds County Extension Center, 1735 Woodrow Wilson Boulevard, Jackson.

The speaker will be Mrs. Dot Marie Evans, Hinds County Extension home economist. Her subject will be "An Helpmeet for Him in putting Her Best Foot Forward."

On October 29, at 6 p.m., the Ministers' Wives Association members will trick or treat for needy families in Clinton.

## Jones Churches Sponsor Bible School For Carnival Children

By Genevry Zachary

"Jesus loves me, this I know!" happily sang a group of Carnival children recently when the Southeast State Fair was in Laurel. Even though there were different nationalities present, all the lilting voices had the same tune.

Conducting a Bible school for the

## Russell Calls Pastor

Rev. Michael Olmsted of Seagoville, Texas has accepted the pastorate of Russell Church, at Russell.



Mr. Olmsted has moved to Russell from Robinwood Church, Seagoville, Texas where he served as pastor for four years. He and his wife Nan began their work at Russell on October 11. He succeeds Rev. Frank Tribble, Jr. who accepted a Baptist church in Carrollton, Alabama.

children of parents who traveled with the fair was the "brainchild" of Mrs. Elvin Fairchild, pastor's wife of Hillcrest Church, Laurel. Last year Mrs. Fairchild had a hobby booth during the fair and she became concerned about the spiritual life of the young children she saw wandering around the fairgrounds. She was able to have a brief Sunday school session for them before they left, but she promised them when they returned in 1970 she would have a Bible school for them.

With the help of Rev. Maurice Flowers, Jr., superintendent of missions of Jones County, who in turn contacted interested workers from other Baptist churches, this Bible school became a reality.

Now, for a word of advice if some of you readers have already begun to think about having a Bible school for the children when the fair is in your area, don't do like we did—go to the fair grounds at 8 a.m. and expect to find any of the children awake, for



LAUREL SUNDAY SCHOOL leaders conducted Bible school at the Fairgrounds in Laurel for the young children of itinerant workers with the Century 21 Show. Assisting were Mrs. Elvin Fairchild, LEFT, ventriloquist and Mrs. Gloria Ladner, RIGHT, with the accordion. According to Rev. M. E. Flowers, superintendent of missions, these children receive very little formal education and almost no religious training, except what they learn from their parents. Bible lessons, entertainment and refreshments were provided by volunteers from the following churches: Second Ave., Sandersville, Magnolia, Bethlehem, Hillcrest and Highland.—Leader-Call Staff Photo

many of them stay up late at night, and therefore do not get up very early.

Most of the parents were agreeable in permitting their children to attend the school and some of the parents came by to listen to the singing, observe the various activities, and to say, "We are so glad you people are having this for our children."

The Bible school was conducted to suit the needs of the various ages of the children, some could not speak or understand English very well. Two of the activities appealed very much to the children. Mrs. Gloria Ladner played her accordion while the children participated in the singing. Mrs. Fairchild used her talent as a ventriloquist and her little friend "Sunny" became a favorite of the children.

Refreshments were served daily and the children joined in saying "Thanks." One day I led them in the familiar "God is great, God is good, let us thank him for this food" and they knew this blessing so well, I asked, "Where did you learn this?" In unison the reply was "On TV." One of the Bible school workers said she would have to put in a good plug for "Romper Room."

During the week, Mrs. Frank Martin became attached to one of the young girls and with the parents' permission carried her to their home for the night. The next day Anna came to Bible school, her blond hair shining, a new dress on and a happy

smile.

On Friday, the closing day, each worker brought a big picnic lunch and with homemade cookies and pink punch the children had a farewell party. During this time some of the workers went to visit some of the parents in the trailers and witnessed to them, leaving a copy of Good News for Modern Man. Many had already gone to their booths and could not be contacted, so plans were made for some of the men in the churches to come to fair grounds early on Saturday morning and join the Carnival men during their breakfast hour and have fellowship with them.

After the picnic, the workers helped the children gather up their different items they had made and some of the children were not available when the photographer arrived to take their picture.

We will probably never know the extent of the "Outreach" of this Bible school, but each worker received a blessing for taking the time to participate, and who knows—we may have helped to shape the life of another Billy Graham, Lottie Moon, or Annie Armstrong.

Other workers who helped were Mrs. Jane Webb, Mrs. Marge Osborne, Mrs. Betty Moore from Second Ave.; Mrs. Tom Sumrall, Mrs. Gail James, Magnolia Street; Mrs. Amy Adkins, Mrs. Tommy Bryan, Bethlehem; Mrs. Virgil Wheeler, Sandersville.

## Names In The News

Mississippi College School of Nursing for the 1970-71 academic year are Dianne Allen, Jackson, parliamentarian; Donna James, Puckett, reporter; Judy Spears, Crystal Springs, recording secretary; Mrs. Julia Allen, Jackson, assistant professor of nursing and sponsor; Darlene Kilgore, Morton, president; Rose Abernathy, Water Valley, corresponding secretary; Mary Ann Myers, Newton, 2nd vice-president; Peggy Coggin, Nettleton, treasurer; Susan Dickerson, Hollandale, 1st vice-president.

Leo Dunaway of Locust Street Church, McComb, recently received his nine-year perfect attendance Sunday school pin. John David Forrest is Sunday school director of Locust Street Church. The pastor is Rev. L. L. Hill.

Rev. Donald R. Kammerdiener, missionary to Colombia, has been named by the Foreign Mission Board as field representative for the southern part of Spanish-speaking South America. He was elected to the post during an annual meeting of the board here Oct. 12-14. As a field representative Kammerdiener will be a personal link between the board and its more than 180 missionaries in Chile, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.



## 37 Years Attendance For Military Family

Thirty-seven years is the total perfect attendance in Sunday school for Mrs. William E. Knight and three sons. "Mom" and oldest son, Gregory, 14, have 10 years each. Barry, 12, has 9 years and Darryl, 10, has 8 years perfect attendance. They are all members of Hickory Grove Chapel. Mr. Knight is in the U. S. Navy and the family has traveled with him all during these years. Rev. Curtis L. Guess is the pastor at Hickory Grove in Lauderdale County.



Lane Hoffer, right, received an eight-year pin and Douglas Thompson, left, a seven-year pin recently from Arrowwood Church, Meridian, for perfect attendance at Sunday school. Rev. William W. Hoffer is their pastor.

Rev. J. Bryan Brasington, missionary to Peru for the past 15 years, is the Foreign Mission Board's new field representative for the northern part of Spanish-speaking South America.

In this position he will be a personal link between the board and its more than 150 missionaries who serve in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

Dr. Roger L. Shinn, professor of applied Christianity and dean of instruction at Union Theological Seminary in New York, will be on the campus of Mississippi College on Nov. 2 and 3 as a Danforth Visiting Lecturer. Dr. Shinn will give a public lecture on "The Ethical Meaning of Violence in Contemporary Society" and a convocation address on "Science and Political Decisions: Some Issues in Population, Ecology and Genetics." In two informal or class meetings he will discuss "Theology in a New Era" and "Ethics and Political Realism in International Policy."

Chaplain (Maj.) Roy James Fullilove was honored recently at a special ceremony held at the U. S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, New York. Chaplain Roy James Fullilove received the Army Meritorious Service Medal. Chaplain Roy James Fullilove has served as an Army Chaplain since January of 1962. Before his assignment to the U. S. Army Chaplain School as a student in the Advanced Class, he was assigned to Command Chaplain, 4th United States Army Missile Command, Camp Page, Korea. Chaplain Fullilove's hometown is New Albany, Mississippi. He is married to the former Nan Lou Sumrall, of Morton.

Dennis Kissinger, minister of music, First Church, Gulfport, attended a seminar entitled "Improving Congregational Services" Oct. 19-21 at the Church Program Center of the Sunday School Board of the Southern

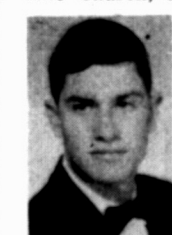
Baptist Convention. The seminar, which had as its stated purpose the improvement of worship in the local church, was directed by Ernest Mosley, consultant, church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Norman V. Haskins was recently honored by North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, with a reception recognizing her tenth anniversary as church secretary. Dr. Charles A. Ray is pastor.

## Perfect Attendance

Immanuel Church, Columbus, recently recognized the following Sunday school members for perfect attendance, above five years: 16 years — L. W. Murphy; 7 years — Mrs. Helen Hankins and Tony Hankins; 6 years — Reggie Hankins; 5 years — Mrs. Jewel Dodd. Rev. Mack D. Rutledge is pastor.

Monty Bates was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by North Batesville Church, Batesville (Panola Association). He is a graduate of South Panola High School and is making plans to enter Northwest Mississippi Junior College for the spring semester. At present he is serving as Sunday school superintendent of North Batesville Church. He is married to the former Judy Crouch of Batesville. Rev. Lee Hudson is pastor of North Batesville Church.



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## Off The Record

Most of us are familiar with getting our tongue twisted and occasionally it is contagious.

A young minister, by the name of Paul Smith, was being heard by a church with a view to being called as pastor. The Chairman of the Pulpit Committee was very nervous and anxious about the matter. In introduction he said, "Our visiting preacher is Rev. Saul Pith." To calm the situation, he called on a Deacon to lead in prayer, who compounded the problem by praying, "May our brother preach with eedom and freeze." Thoroughly shook, the young preacher got up and said, "This morning I am using as my text the gospel phrase, 'The Wig Tree Fither-eth.'"—W. C. Huttgren

## THE COOL, COOL BRITISH

An English tourist was on his first visit to Niagara Falls, and a guide was trying to impress him with their magnitude.

"Grand!" suggested the guide, but the visitor did not seem impressed. "Millions of gallons every minute," explained the guide.

"How many in a day?" asked the tourist.

"Oh, billions and billions," answered the guide.

The visitor looked across and down and up as if gauging the flow. "Runs all night, too, I suppose?" he remarked nonchalantly.



## The First Ladies Of MC

The Mississippi College Faculty Wives Club held its first meeting of the new school year at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobles, president and first lady of the college. Mrs. Nobles, (left) was hostess for the occasion. She is shown welcoming the wives of two former presidents, Mrs. D. M. Nelson (center) and Mrs. R. A. McLemore. The wives of several new faculty members were welcomed into the club. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)